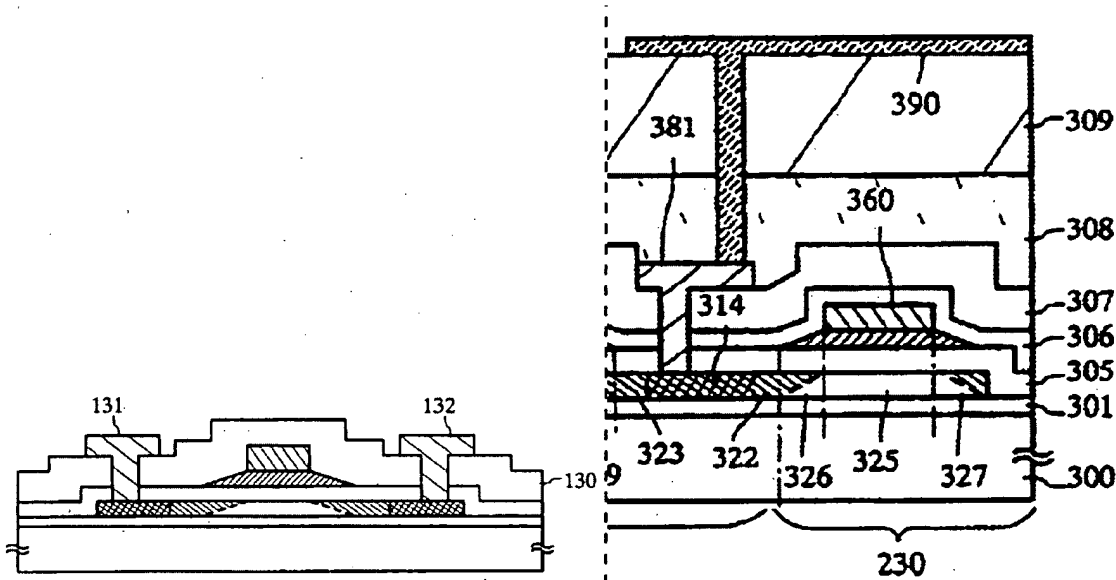


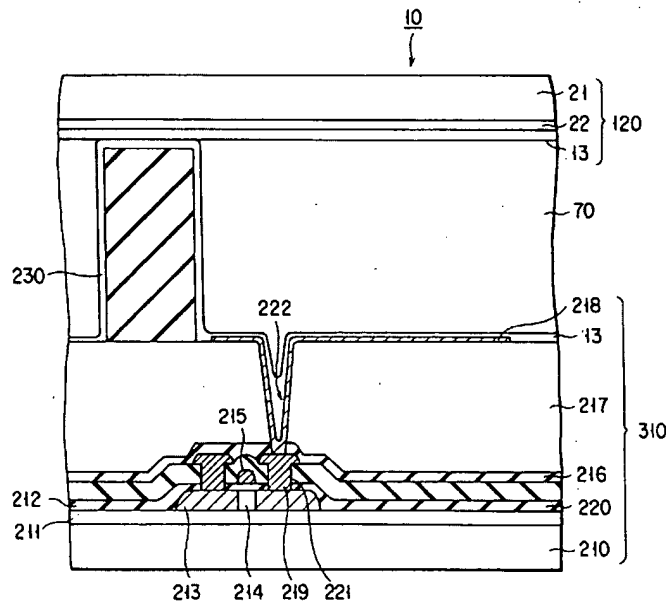
(1) The Applicant's representative reviewed the Examiner's rejection at pages 3-4 of the Official Action mailed April 7, 2008. In the Official Action, the Examiner relies on two separate embodiments to support the rejection, *i.e.* one embodiment shown in Figure 2 (embodiment mode 1; reproduced below at left) and another embodiment shown in Figure 12 (example 1; the right side of which is reproduced below at right).



The Applicant's representative noted that the Examiner has not explained why one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the present invention would have combined these embodiments or how these two embodiments would have been combined. Specifically, if the interlayer insulating film 130 of Figure 2 were to allegedly correspond with the interlayer insulating film 307 of Figure 12, then it does not follow that interlayer insulating film 307 is in contact with a gate insulating layer and a second conductive film. That is, protective film 306 is provided between the interlayer insulating film 307 and the second conductive film in Figure 12. Alternately, even if the interlayer insulating film 130 of Figure 2 were to allegedly correspond with the protective film 306 of Figure 12, then it does not follow that leveling film 308 is in contact with a protecting film. Therefore, even if one were somehow motivated to combine the features of Figures 2 and 12, the resulting combination would not teach or suggest all the features of the present claims. Also, there is no reason why one of ordinary skill in the art would further

modify the alleged combination of Figures 2 and 12 of Yamazaki '114 to achieve the features of the present claims.

(2) In the Official Action, the Examiner relies on leveling film 308 of Yamazaki '114 to allegedly teach the resin film of the present claims, and, regarding Shohara, argues that Shohara discloses "a coloring layer (217) provided between the protecting film (216) and the resin film (230)" (page 4, Paper No. 20080328; Figure 3 of Shohara reproduced below).



That is, the Official Action appears to be asserting that the columnar spacer 230 of Shohara corresponds with the leveling film 308 of Figure 12 of Yamazaki '114 and the resin film of the present claims. However, during the interview, the Applicant's representative noted that it is not clear how or why one of ordinary skill in the art would look to a columnar spacer for teaching with respect to a leveling film. For at least this reason, it is not clear why one of ordinary skill in the art would have necessarily located the coloring layer 217 of Shohara underneath the leveling film 308 of Yamazaki '114. Also, if one were to argue that Shohara teaches forming a coloring layer 217 over an insulating film 216, then it is still not clear why one of ordinary skill in the art would have


necessarily formed the coloring layer 217 between the insulating film 130 of Figure 2 of Yamazaki '114 and the leveling film 308 of Figure 12 of Yamazaki '114.

(3) Also regarding Shohara, the Applicant's representative noted that Shohara appears to teach that the colored layer 217 is formed in contact with a pixel electrode 218 (column 13, lines 18-20), which is not consistent with the present claims, which recite that the coloring layer is formed between the resin film and the protective film.

In addition to the arguments set forth in the *Response* filed July 7, 2008, the Applicant respectfully submits that the above arguments set forth why the present claims are allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness rejections are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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